

Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

September 14, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Bitter Lake Community Center

Attendees

NAC Members:

Dan Stern, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Joseph Monda, Philip Junkins, Richard Dyksterhuis, Sue Jensen, Wayne Parks

Community Members: Lindsey Harris

City Staff:

David Goldberg (DPD), Sebat Tenna (DoN), Thomas Whittemore (DoN), David Gordon (SPD), Terrie Johnston (SPD)

Presentation from Seattle Police Department (SPD) — Officer. David Gordon & Terrie Johnston, Crime Prevention Team (CPT)

- Crime statistics are flat the last few months in the city.
- Hot spots in this area are on Aurora including bus stop on 143rd. Stop at 125th is also having issues. Bus stop security is covered by Metro security.
- Narcotics and prostitution are main complaints along Aurora.
- Trying to get businesses to sign on to new trespass program, but no response so far.
- Calling the 9-1-1 number:
 - Need to remind people to call 911 at night and weekends, as CPT is not available at those times.
 - Need to educate community that it is ok to call 911 with non-life threatening emergencies these days.
 - Use 911 if you want an actual person to respond. Phone number for bike officers, to report non-emergencies such as sign down, etc., is the same as the last few years.
- Residential burglaries have doubled in the area from same period last year. Most have gained entry through unlocked doors or windows. Most occur during the day. Should answer the door, but not open it. Block watches a great way to control crime in area.
- Car prowls have increased threefold this year. Can check crime mapping on SPD web site as well: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/>
- In response to what the committee could put forward to Mayor/Council:
 - need more graffiti removal staff,
 - don't cut CPT officers; should build crime prevention into front end of development.
 - ensure adequate lighting, keep trees pruned back,
 - hire more police officers.

Progress on Complete Streets and Linden Ave Work

- Complete Streets was discussed at internal department team meeting. Sorting through Comments and suggestions at this point. Once it is ready, David will send the document to members before the next NAC meeting.
- David distributed illustrations of urban design framework plans for the Linden Ave area.
- In response to a NAC question, David responded that a larger area map will also be available for the community meeting. Objective is to create a vital neighborhood commercial space between 130th and 135th Streets on Linden and solidify the urban multifamily area into a pedestrian-friendly, nice livable environment between 135th and 145th streets.

Introduction to Review and Provide Guidance on 1st NPU Draft

- NAC members are asked to provide more in-depth feedback reflecting input from community meetings. Also asked to identify areas of conflicts, any missed information, and adequacy in responding to concerns or hopes raised at meetings. It is fine to seek input from neighbors, groups, etc as well.
- NAC member stated he didn't see connection to hub urban village: focus seems to be on specific locations only.
 - David responded it seemed NAC members had wanted to focus on development along Linden.
- NAC member stated parking would be an issue in development of small shops. Pioneer Square loss of business cited as an example of area impacted by parking issues.
- NAC member stated there had been issues early on over what Hub boundaries were. Would like to see more attention paid to the lake areas.
- NAC member suggested having another meeting to discuss some of these issues.

Update on Consultant Selection Process

- David stated that he heard from four more people concurring that Community Assets would be a good selection. The Consultant has been provided with the scope of work which is now in their contract.
- The Consultant to:
 - Will provide market analysis to determine demand in the area or Neighborhood Retail Center Analysis at two levels (a) primarily around the Linden/Aurora area, and (b) at the neighborhood centers.
 - Will then do a feasibility assessment, i.e., what are things that need to be available in order to attract businesses or influence the market.
 - Will look for models that are comparable to development being proposed for the area.
 - Should look at artist exhibition space, other destination type locations.
- Consultant and Makers will come to the next meeting with more information.

Follow-up

- Engaging businesses – NAC members getting surveys completed. Thomas and Sebhat will follow up by filling in the gap.
- Thomas shared draft community organizations' list and asked NAC members to add to it.

Community Meeting

- Bitter Lake Community Center was available for Tuesday, November 8, 2011. NAC members were opposed to using this date as it is also election night. Will continue to look for another date (including Saturdays) and location.

Budget

- \$108,000 from Public Health for (a) Healthy Living Assessment, which is part of the Neighborhood Plan Update process in Rainier Beach and Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake areas, (b) Mobile Food Vending Demo at Mount Baker Station and (c) for Municipal Agriculture.
- \$60,000 from DON for POL outreach, NAC and community workshop meeting expenses – for Rainier Beach and Bitter Lake Haller Lake plan updates
- \$25,000 - 30,000 for consultant
- \$40,000 for Makers

Seattle Public Utility (SPU) List Serve

- All members are asked to join to get regular updates.

Rain garden Project

- Doing Geo survey. May be applying for Small and Simple funding.
- NAC member asked about linking items in the plan update to funding sources.
 - Thomas Whittemore stated such projects did not get extra points in the process, but would still be good to identify possible projects for funding.
 - David stated plan needs to both be an umbrella of larger goals and also have smaller definable objectives.
 - NAC member stated some original plans were too general, so nothing got accomplished.